ROBOT×LASERBEAM

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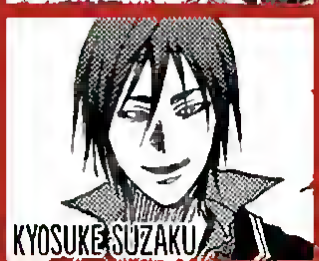
Robato Hatohara, a stupidly serious, creepily thorough and socially clueless high school boy, appears to have no interest in anything—including joining his friend Tomoya in the golf club. But when it's discovered that his perfect accuracy and calculations enable him to golf like a practiced professional, will he be able to escape playing golf?



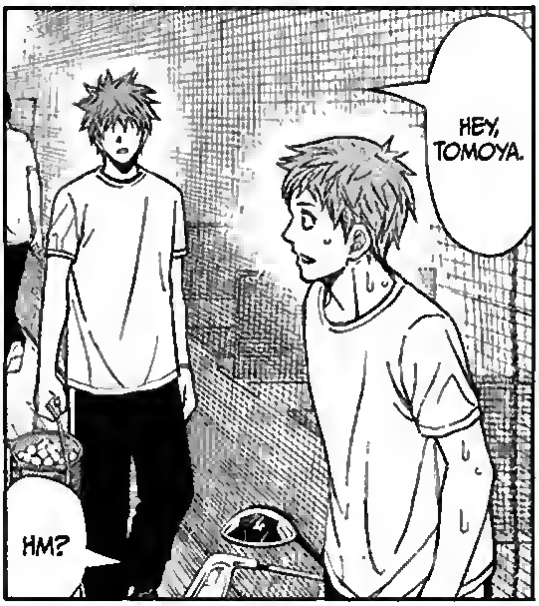
PREVIOUSLY IN *ROBOT×LASERBEAM*:

After Robato Hatohara demonstrates his perfect swing, famous high school golfer Yozan Miura declares him to be his rival! But for their rivalry to actually grow, Robo needs to join the golf club and become a regular. A second-year student and regular, Rion Osanai, takes Robo under his wing to accomplish this goal and help him get a score in the seventies before the training camp. Having heard of Robo's triumph over Yozan, Tohoku International's Kyosuke Suzuaku, a.k.a. "the Emperor," challenges Robo to play against him in a practice match. On the 18th hole of the match, the schools are tied with a score of 13 under. Robo and Kyosuke are the last to tee off, and Robo wins it for Eiai with an eagle. After the match, it's revealed that Tohoku International was most likely holding back—especially Suzaku—and that their team has a long way to go if they want to beat them in a real match. Robo returns to his normal school life determined more than ever to beat Suzaku and Yozan, and declaring that he really does find golf fun!

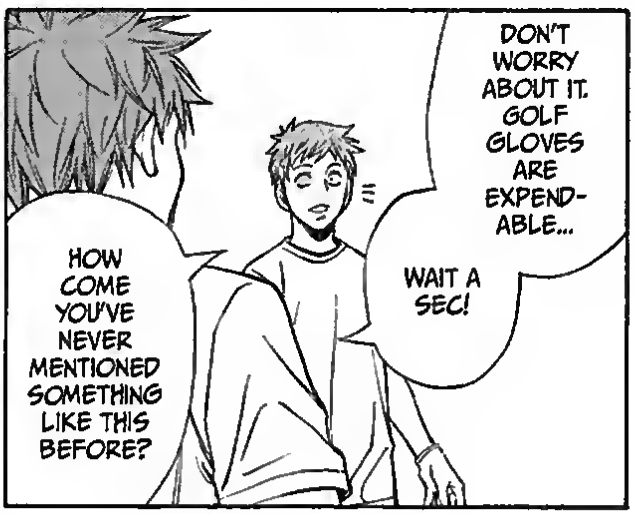
Round 26: Robo and Fried Dough

OKAY! THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY!
GOOD WORK, EVERY-ONE!

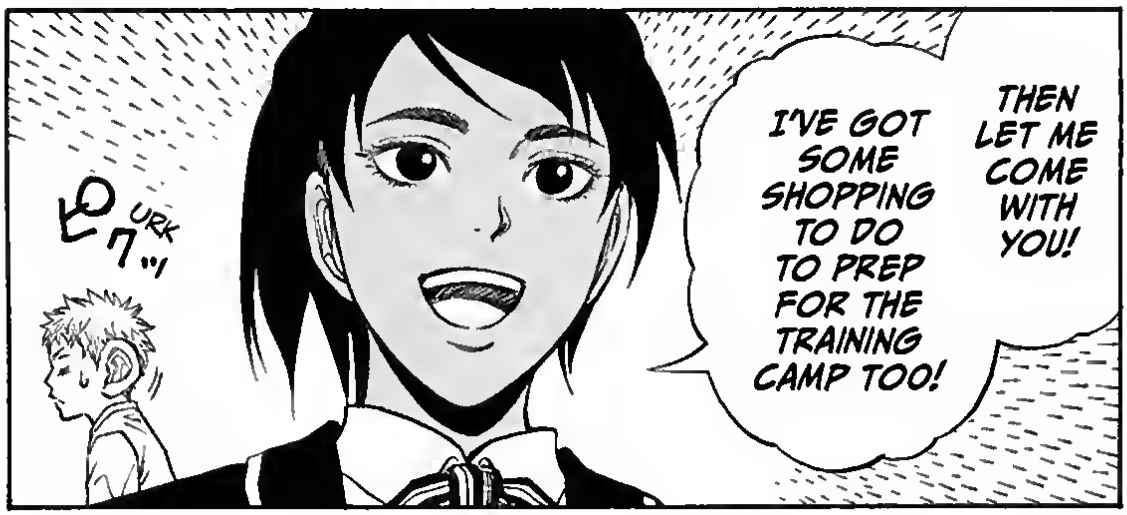
THERE'S A HOLE IN MY GLOVE.
AH! There sure is!


HEY, TOMOYA.
HM?

BECAUSE I'VE BEEN USING THE SAME GLOVE YOU GAVE ME WHEN I FIRST STARTED.
During the match too?!
HUH ?!


DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. GOLF GLOVES ARE EXPEND-ABLE...
WAIT A SEC!
HOW COME YOU'VE NEVER MENTIONED SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE?

IT TAKES ME ABOUT A WEEK TO COMPLETELY WRECK ONE OF MY GLOVES...
OKAY, LET'S GO BUY YOU SOME NEW ONES TOMORROW.
THE TRAINING CAMP'S COMING UP, AND YOU'LL NEED ONE THERE.
HEY, HEY!
YOU GUYS GOING SHOPPING TOMOR-ROW?
UH... YEAH.


THEN LET ME COME WITH YOU!
I'VE GOT SOME SHOPPING TO DO TO PREP FOR THE TRAINING CAMP TOO!
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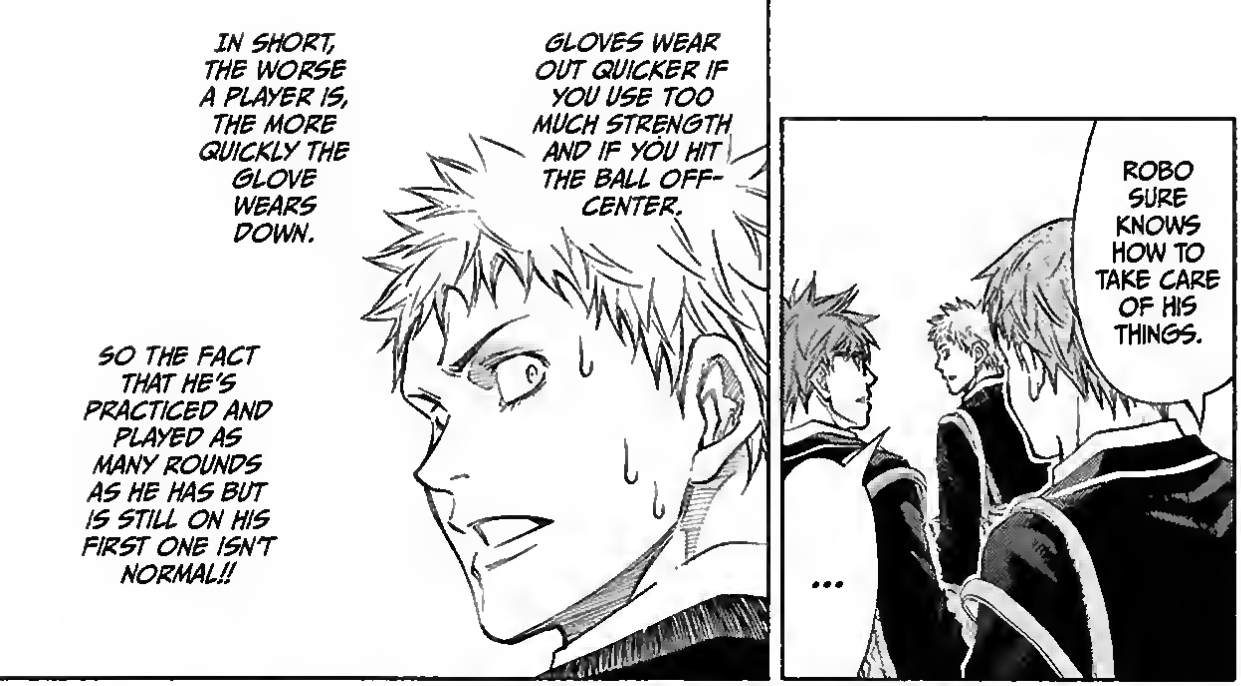
...
OH, YEAH! THAT REMINDS ME—I'VE BEEN MEANING TO BUY SOME GLOVES TOO!
HUH?
KAZAMA, DIDN'T YOU JUST BUY ONE RECENT-LY?
OH WELL. GUESS I'LL COME ALONG TOO!
BESIDES, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO BUY. RIGHT, ROBO?
AND YOU'LL NEED HELP CARRYING ALL THE STUFF YOU BUY, KURODA-SAN.

Yudai Kazama ...
...has a crush on Rin Kuroda.
YEAH ...
IT'S ONLY CUZ I HAVE TO.
ARE YOU SURE? THANK YOU SO MUCH!
YOU'VE BEEN USING THE SAME GLOVE THIS WHOLE TIME?!
YEAH.


IN SHORT, THE WORSE A PLAYER IS, THE MORE QUICKLY THE GLOVE WEARS DOWN.
GLOVES WEAR OUT QUICKER IF YOU USE TOO MUCH STRENGTH AND IF YOU HIT THE BALL OFF-CENTER.
SO THE FACT THAT HE'S PRACTICED AND PLAYED AS MANY ROUNDS AS HE HAS BUT IS STILL ON HIS FIRST ONE ISN'T NORMAL!!
ROBO SURE KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIS THINGS.
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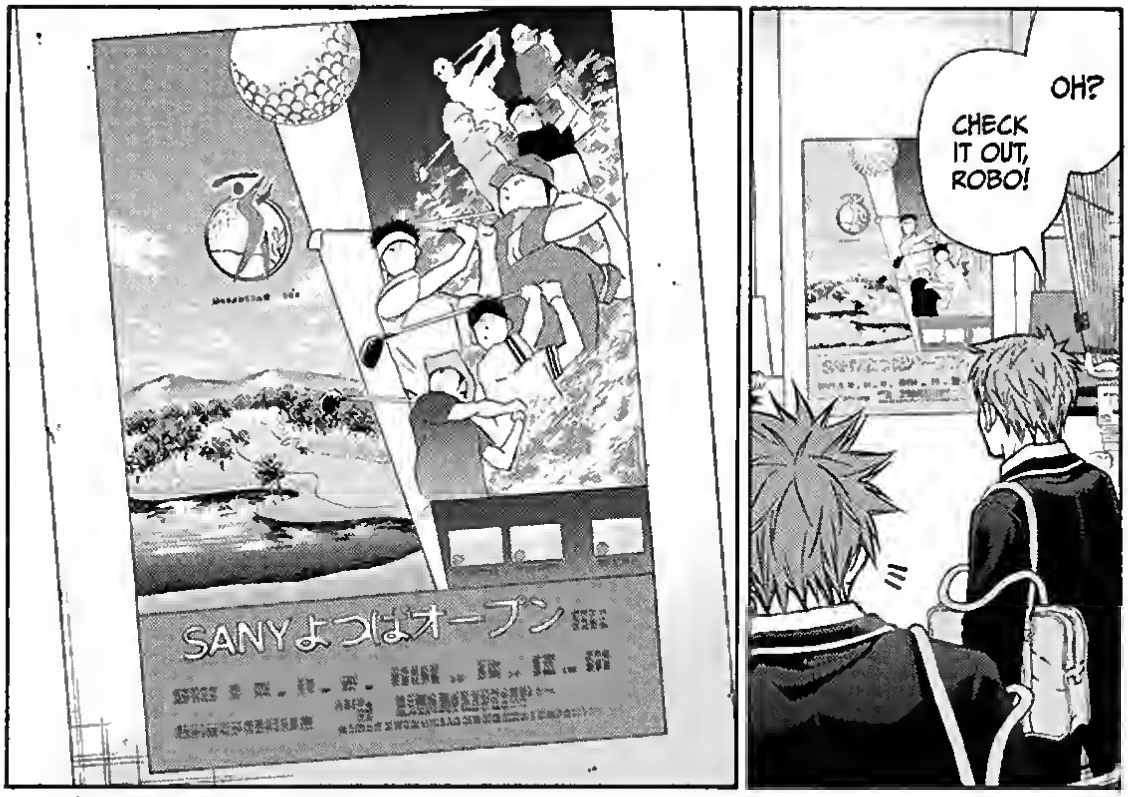
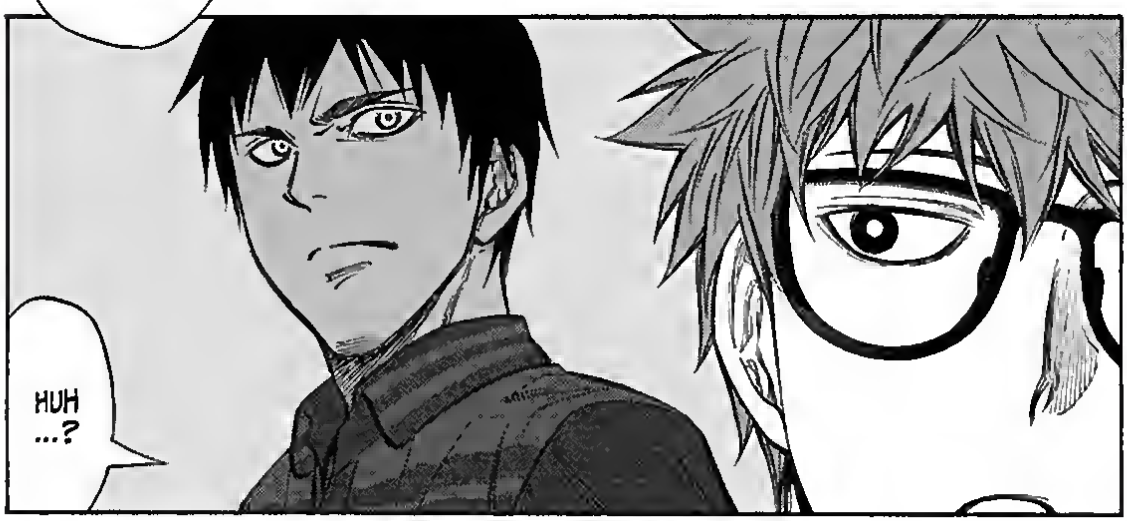
Victory Golf



*Sign: SANY Yotsuba Open



HIGH SCHOOLERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENTS TOO?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT ANOTHER TOURNAMENT YOZAN-KUN PARTICIPATED IN, DIDN'T I?
ANYONE WHO'S GONE THROUGH THE QUALIFYING ROUND WITH A GOOD ENOUGH SCORE CAN ENTER AN OPEN TOURNAMENT.*

*A taurnament where bath pras and amateurs can participate.

*Sign: Tate Sports

OH.
THIS SHOPPING TRIP WAS OVER A LOT FASTER THAN I THOUGHT IT'D BE.
OKAY.
THAT'S EVERY-THING.
LET'S GO IN AND PLAY A LITTLE.
AN ARCADE.
HERE'S AN IDEA.
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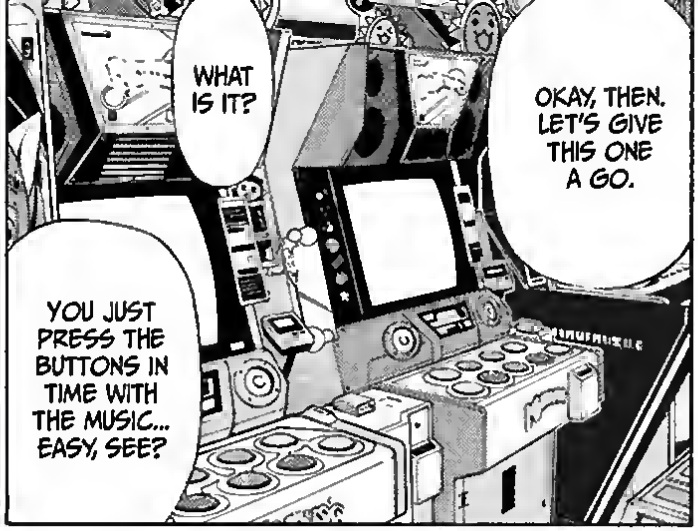
2F
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THAT'S RIGHT. I'VE NEVER BEEN TO ONE.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A VIDEO GAME ARCADE IS?!
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS, ARE YOU?
WHAT?!
WHAT'S AN ARCADE?

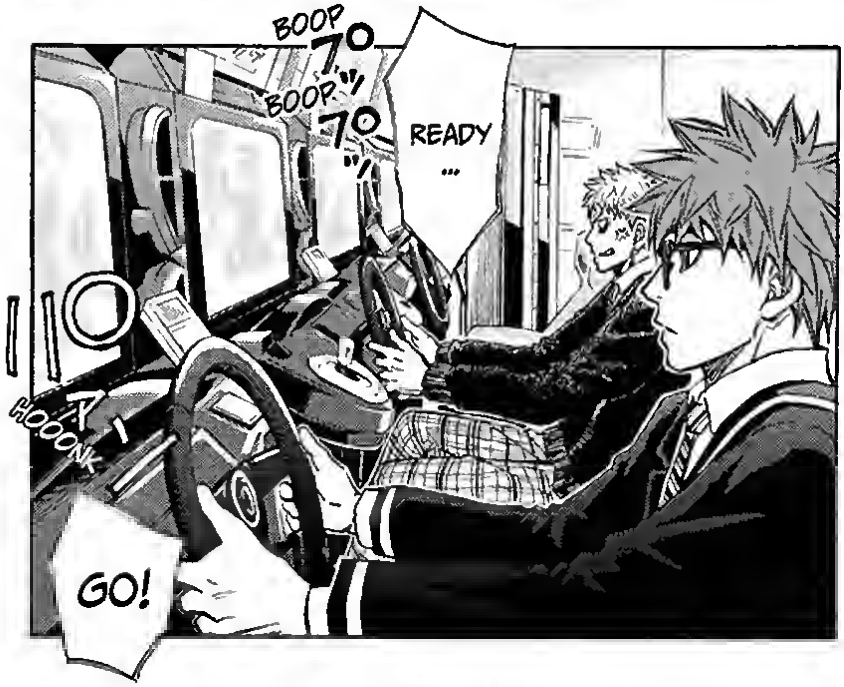
HEH HEH HEH... HE'S ALWAYS BEATING ME AT GOLF.
SO I'M GOING TO VENT SOME STEAM RIGHT HERE AND NOW!


WHAT IS IT?
OKAY, THEN. LET'S GIVE THIS ONE A GO.
YOU JUST PRESS THE BUTTONS IN TIME WITH THE MUSIC... EASY, SEE?

I JUST PRESSED THE BUTTONS IN TIME WITH THE MUSIC...
HOW ?!
DAMMIT!! NEXT!!

A RACING GAME...?
THEN LET'S MAKE THIS THE LAST ONE!
DAM-MIT!

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME AT AN ARCADE?!
YEP.
ROBO'S SO GOOD!!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READY ...
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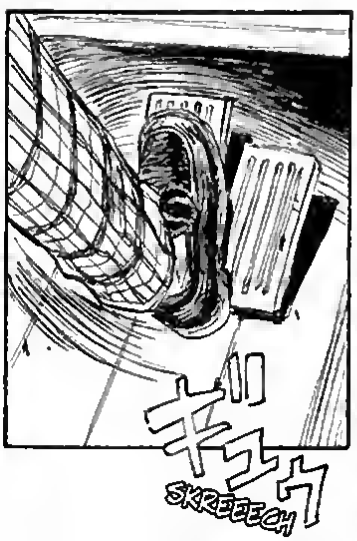
VROOOOM
GO!

I'VE PLAYED THIS ONE A LOT.
I'LL PUT HIM IN HIS PLACE THIS TIME FOR SURE!!

YANK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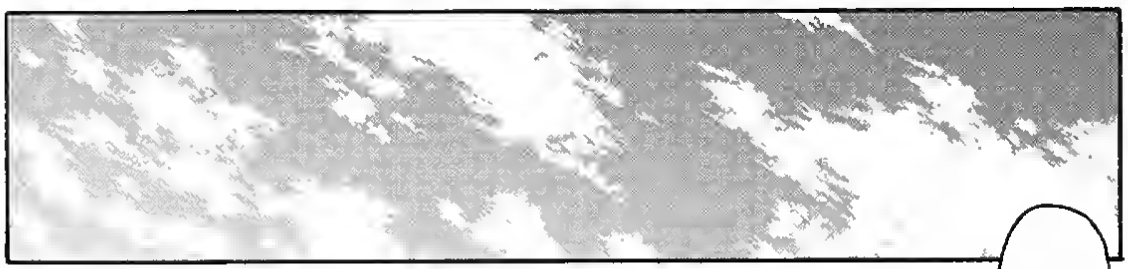
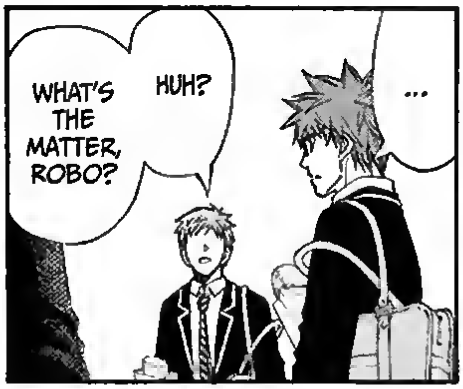
VROOOOM

SKRRRRRR
HE'S DRIFTING THROUGH IT...!!



*Signs: Fried Dough

OOOOH.


WHAT'S THE MATTER, ROBO?
HUH?
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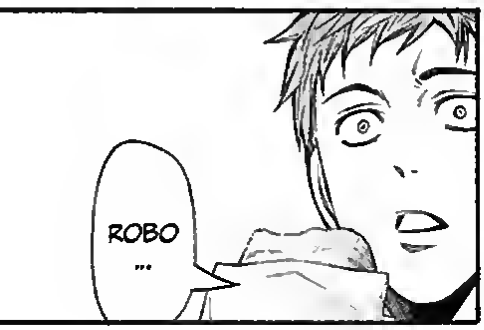
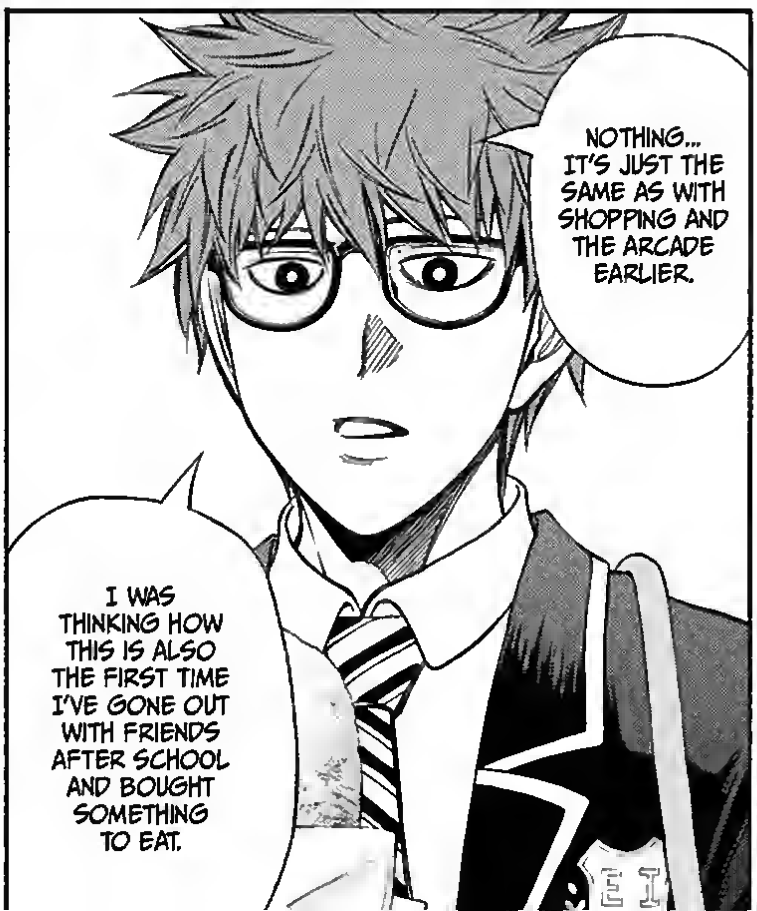
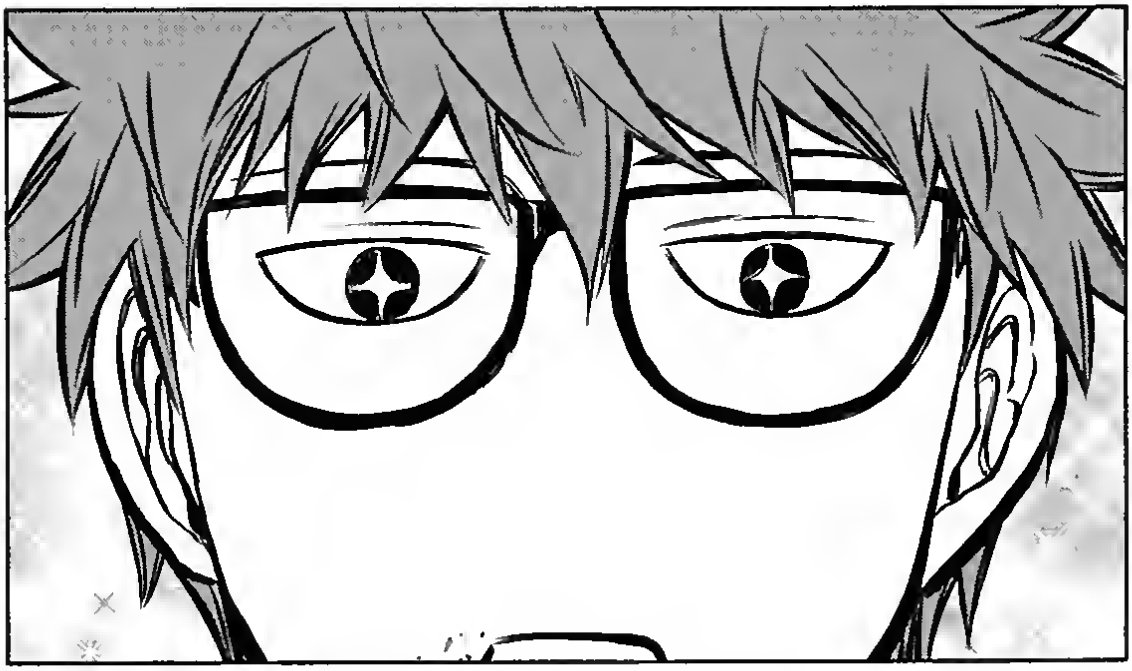
CHOMP
OH! THIS IS GOOD!
MMMM! ♡

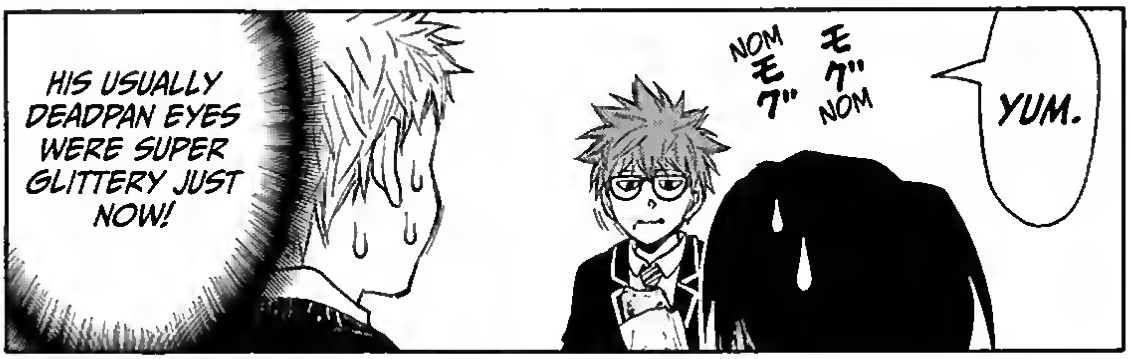

ROBO ...


NOTHING... IT'S JUST THE SAME AS WITH SHOPPING AND THE ARCADE EARLIER.
I WAS THINKING HOW THIS IS ALSO THE FIRST TIME I'VE GONE OUT WITH FRIENDS AFTER SCHOOL AND BOUGHT SOMETHING TO EAT.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS NORMAL.
NOW EAT UP.
OKAY ...

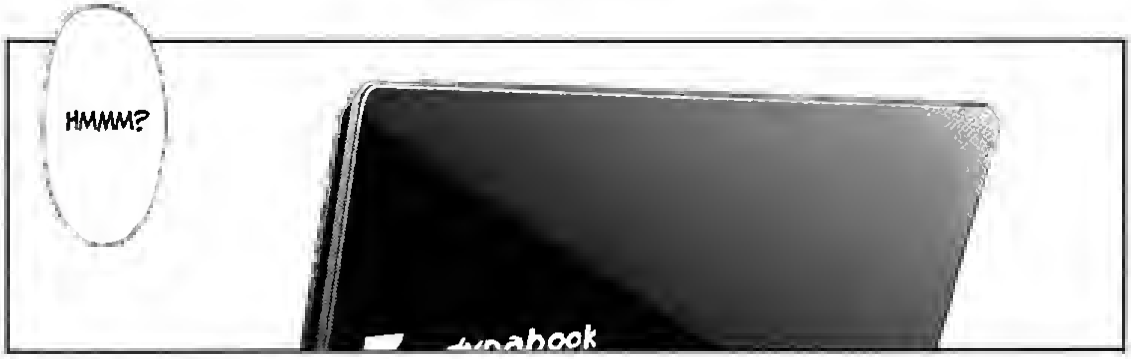
CHOMP




HIS USUALLY DEADPAN EYES WERE SUPER GLITTERY JUST NOW!
NOM
NOM
YUM.

WHO IS IT?
LET'S SEE...
AH.
MY PHONE.
BZZZ...
BZZZ...

HUH ?!
You gave him your number?!
KYOSUKE SUZAKU
INCOMING
IT'S SUZAKU-SAN.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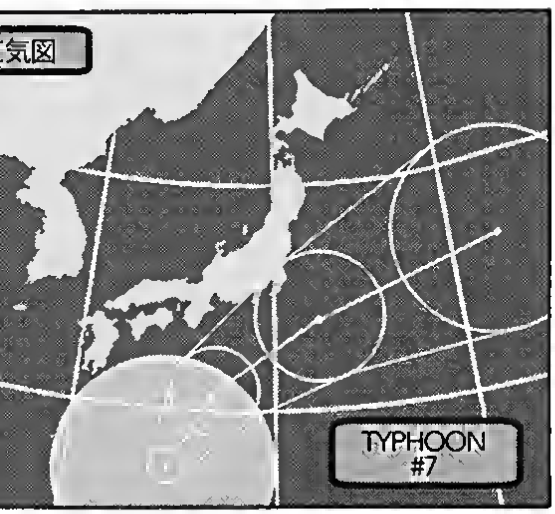
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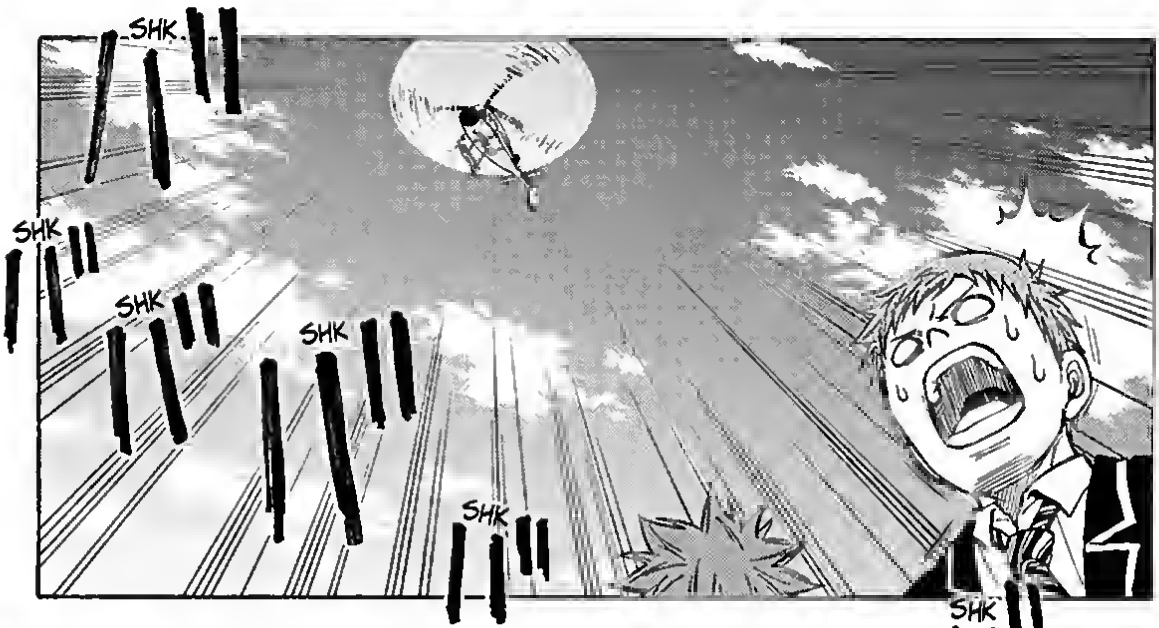
TYPHOON #7

WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING ...
I WAS JUST CONFIRMING THE WEATHER FOR THIS WEEKEND'S TRAINING CAMP...
AND LOOK AT THIS.

AH...

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
NOW THE TRAINING CAMP TO SELECT THE REGULARS...
...WILL EITHER HAVE TO BE POST-PONED...
...OR CANCELED. WE'LL HAVE TO THINK UP AN ALTERNATIVE.
ヒュウウウウ...
WOOOO
...
FLAP
APPARENTLY SUZAKU-SAN CALLED ROBO UP HERE.
HEY ...
WHY DID WE COME UP HERE...?

HE ASKED ME LAST NIGHT...
KYOSUKE SUZAKU
You free tomorrow after school?
No, I'm going out shopping.
Where?
BUT HOW'D HE EVEN KNOW WE'D BE OUT HERE TODAY?!
YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HIM?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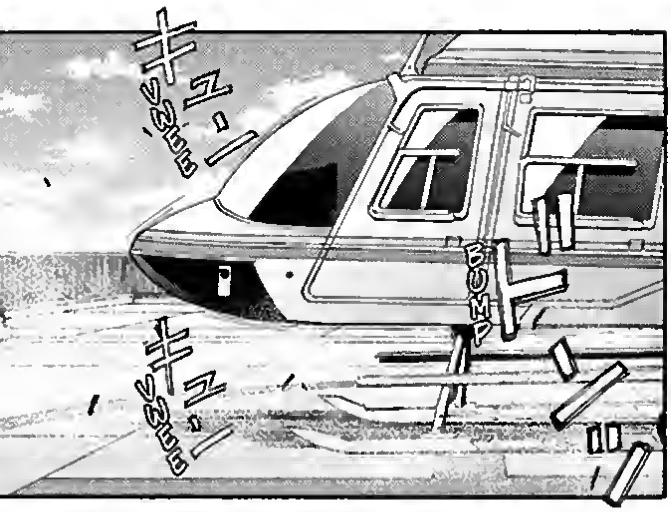
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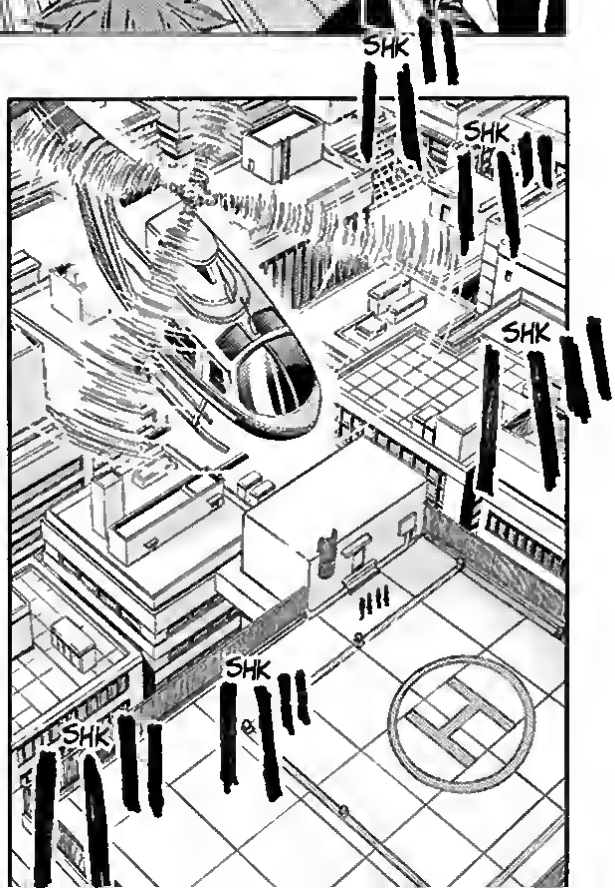
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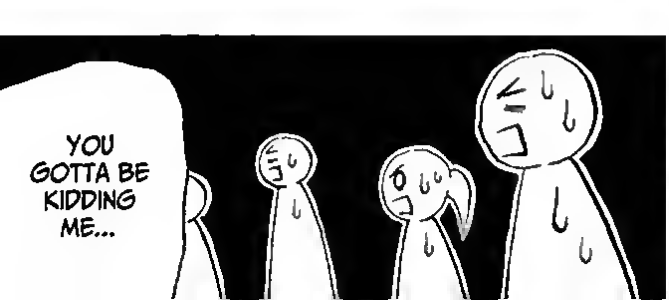
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...

キュイーン
キュイーン
キュイーン
HEY.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
HHHHH?!

I'VE COME HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU OUT TO A CERTAIN EVENT, ROBO-KUN.
...?

A HELICOPTER... WHAT THE--?!
HM?
I CHARTER IT.
HEH HEH... IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN PILOT THE THING.
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE!

THE YOTSUBA OPEN IS THIS WEEKEND, AND YO-KUN IS PARTICIPATING IN IT.
YOU WANNA COME WATCH IT WITH ME?
...!
...JUST FOR THAT?!
HE CAME BY HELI-COPTER ...